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REMARKS

Applicants have carefully considered the Office Action dated January 20, 2004 and, as a result, have cancelled claim 80 in this application. Claim 80 had earlier been withdrawn from consideration, but Applicants had contested the issue of whether or not claim 80 should be examined in this application.

Thus, with the cancellation of claim 80, it is believed that there is no further issue regarding patentability of this application since claims 39, 40, 44-47, 52-55, 60-68 and 82 have previously been allowed. It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and a favorable action is respectfully solicited.

The Applicants believe that no fees are required at this time; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe's Deposit Account No. 150665 for any fees required under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may have been overlooked and to credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account No. 150665.

Respectfully submitted,

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